

Coronation Day -- May 12th, 1937



*The Civic Programme and
Service of Thanksgiving
to Almighty God
on the occasion of
The Coronation of their Majesties
King George VI and Queen Elizabeth
May 12th, 1937*

*Held in The Arena, Calgary, Alberta
on May 11th, 1937, at 8 p.m.*

God Save the King

*The Service is under the auspices of the Calgary General Ministerial
Association*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Edmonton.

I am pleased to commend the efforts of the Ministerial Association of Calgary in their proposed programme to afford the public an opportunity to join in the spirit of the Coronation Ceremony.

To the British Commonwealth of Nations, the Coronation of Their Majesties King George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth is an event of unprecedented significance. It is therefore fitting, that the citizens of Alberta join heartily with all parts of the Empire in pledging their attachment to the Throne and person of Their Majesties.

There is a mutual solemn agreement in the Coronation Ceremony. The Monarch and the people of the Empire covenant to jointly fulfill worthily a great task. The King will swear "to govern according to the Statutes in parliament agreed on, and the respective laws and customs of the same". The people on their part pledge all lawful service in fulfillment of the common responsibility.

There is something more significant than pagentry in the Coronation of the new Monarchs, there is a spiritual atmosphere that pulsates with heartfelt devotion. In this attitude of mind let us solemnly dedicate ourselves to the welfare of all.

The King promises to discharge his obligations worthily, in keeping with ancient tradition we join with the people of the British Empire to pledge our allegiance and our devoted service.

GOD SAVE KING GEORGE

J. C. BOWEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.



TO THE CITIZENS OF CALGARY: GREETINGS.

As Mayor of the City of Calgary, I desire on this happy occasion of the Coronation of Our beloved King, George the Sixth, and Queen Elizabeth, to join with all our citizens in pledging our loyalty to their Majesties and in offering our sincere prayers for a long and peaceful reign.

ANDREW DAVISON,

Mayor.

"God Save the King"

A Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God.

Chairman—BRIGADIER H. C. HABKIRK
President, The Calgary General Ministerial Association

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell,
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.

CALL TO WORSHIP—(All Standing)—The Rev. A. Bright, B.A., B.D.,
Minister Grace Presbyterian Church.

Brethren, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord, Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of His grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well being doth require.

And especially at this time let us pray for our Sovereign Lord, King GEORGE, that he may be crowned with righteousness and anointed with the manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit; and for our gracious Queen ELIZABETH, that she may be adorned with heavenly virtues, and enriched with God's abundant grace; and for ourselves, their people, let us pray that together with them we may dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God for the Glory of His Name and the coming of His Kingdom.

Wherefore let us stand in silence and remembering the presence of God with us, unite our hearts and voices in the words which Jesus taught His disciples, viz. "Our Father . . .

Responsive Reading—(All Seated)—To be led by the Very Rev. H. R. Ragg, M. A., Dean of Calgary.

PSALM 21. VERSES 1-7, 13.

The King shall rejoice in Thy strength, O Lord: exceeding glad shall he be of Thy Salvation.

Thou has given him his heart's desire: and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

For Thou shall prevent him with the blessings of goodness: and shalt set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him a long life: even for ever and ever.

His honour is great in Thy Salvation: glory and great worship shalt Thou lay upon him.

For Thou shalt give him everlasting felicity: and make him glad with the joy of Thy countenance.

And why? because the King putteth his trust in the Lord: and in the mercy of the most highest he shall not miscarry.

Be Thou exalted, Lord, in Thine own strength: so will we sing, and praise Thy power.

HYMN

O God of Bethel, by Whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Who through this weary pilgrimage,
Hast all our fathers led.

Our vows, our prayers we now present
Before Thy Throne of grace,
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.

O spread Thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our FATHER'S loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.

The Lesson—(All Seated)—Romans 13.

The Rev. J. E. Harris, B.A., Minister Crescent Heights Baptist Church

PRAYERS

The Rev. E. Melville Aitken, B.A., Minister Central United Church

FOR THE KING:

O Lord, our God, Who upholdest and governest all things by the word of Thy power; receive our humble prayers for our Sovereign Lord, King GEORGE; and as thou dost this day set a crown of pure gold upon his head, so let wisdom be his guide and let Thine arm strengthen him; let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness, peace and charity, abound in his days; direct all his counsels and endeavours to Thy glory and the welfare of his subjects; give us grace to obey him cheerfully for conscience sake, and let him always possess the hearts of his people. Let his reign be long and prosperous and crown him with everlasting life in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE QUEEN:

Almighty God the fountain of all goodness, give ear, we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and multiply Thy blessings upon Thy Servant ELIZABETH consecrated in Thy Name this day to be our Queen; defend her evermore from all dangers, ghostly and bodily; make her a great example of virtue and piety, and a blessing to this Empire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

LET US PRAY FOR THE BRITISH EMPIRE:

Almighty God, who rulest in the kingdom of men, and hast given to our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, a great dominion in all parts of the earth: Draw together, we pray Thee, in true fellowship the men of divers races, languages, and customs, who dwell therein, that, bearing one another's burdens, and working together in brotherly concord, they may

fulfil the purpose of Thy providence, and set forward Thy everlasting Kingdom. Pardon, we beseech Thee, our sins and shortcomings; keep far from us all selfishness and pride: and give us grace to employ Thy good gifts of order and freedom to Thy glory and the welfare of mankind; through Jesus Christ Thy son our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all Glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

LET US PRAY FOR PEACE:

Inspire, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the hearts of all men everywhere, with the spirit of love and justice, and enlighten with the wisdom which is from above the leaders of the nations, that they may seek first the coming of Thy Kingdom and the fellowship of Thy children: deliver us Thy people from faithlessness and fear, save us from the sins and cruelties of war, and guide our feet into Thy way of peace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LET US PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE IN NEED AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER THROUGH LACK OF WORK:

O God, remember in Thy mercy the poor and needy, the widow and the fatherless, the strangers and the friendless, the afflicted and the sick. Guide and inspire all who are responsible for the government of this land and Empire, that they may find ways to provide work for the workless and to bring hope to those that are heavy of heart. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

O Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost didst send the Holy Ghost the Comforter to abide in Thy Church unto the end: Bestow upon us and all Thy faithful people his manifold gifts of grace, that with minds enlightened by His truth, and hearts purified by His presence, we may day by day, be strengthened with power in the inward man; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Offering and Announcements—The Venerable Archdeacon C. Swanson, D.D.
St. Stephens Anglican Church.

During which the Salvation Army Citadel Band will play suitable selections.

Massed Choir Selection—"Land of Hope and Glory."

HYMN

St. Magnus

Thy Kingdom comel on bended knee
The passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see
On earth that Kingdom's day.

But slow the watches of the night
Not less to God belong;
And for the everlasting right
The silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
The flags of dawn appear;
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
Proclaim the day is near.

The day in whose clear-shining light
All wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might,
And every hurt be healed.

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
Shall walk the earth abroad;
The day of perfect righteousness,
The promised day of God.

ADDRESS

The Rt. Rev. George Dunsford Barne, D. D., Lord Bishop of Lahore, India

HYMN

Hursley

Father in heaven, Who lovest all,
O help Thy children when they call;
That they may build from age to age
An undefiled heritage.

Teach us to look in all our ends
On Thee for Judge and not our friends.
That we, with Thee, may walk uncowed
By fear or favour of the crowd.

Teach us the strength that cannot seek,
By deed, or thought, to hurt the weak;
That, under Thee, we may possess
Man's strength to comfort man's distress.

Land of our birth, our faith, our pride,
For whose dear sake our fathers died;
O Motherland, we pledge to thee
Head, heart, and hand through the years to be

ADDRESS

The Rev. George W. Kerby, D.D., Principal Mount Royal College.

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Harry S. McDonald, Minister Pleasant Heights United Church

O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, we give thanks for that thou hast delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of Thy dear Son, and hast called us to dedicate ourselves, with Thy servant our King, to Thy holy service. Receive us, O Lord, unworthy though we be, as this day we offer and present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto Thee. And grant unto us, and to Thy whole church, such a measure of Thy grace that being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, we may henceforth fight manfully under Thy banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue Thy faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory world without end. Amen.

Then, all standing, the Blessing shall be given by the Rt. Rev. L. Ralph Sherman, D.D., Lord Bishop of Calgary, after which shall be sung the National Anthem:

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the King!



CALGARY

Civic Programme

for Coronation Ceremonies

MAY 12TH, 1937

10:00 a.m.—Parade of the Permanent and Non-Permanent Forces, War Veterans and other Civic Organizations, starting from the Armouries and proceeding to Victoria Park.

11:20 a.m.—Victoria Park.

O Canada.

10 minute address by the Right. Rev. L. Ralph Sherman, D.D., Lord Bishop of Calgary.

Choral Number by 1000 School children under the direction of Captain H. S. Hinton. "Land of Hope and Glory" accompanied by the School Cadet Band.

Flag Drill—St. Hilda's Girls School accompanied by the Native Sons Boys' Band.

11:50 a.m.—Military Programme.

12:00 noon—Salute of 21 guns.

12:05 p.m.—Massed Bands of Calgary Militia leading in the National Anthem.

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**The Calgary Symphony Orchestra will give a
Concert in the Arena on Wednesday Night,
May 12th, 1937, at 8 p.m. Tickets 25 cents.**

